



Proposed Code Change
State Form 41186R

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CODE SERVICES SECTION
302 W. Washington Street Room W246
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Code 32.05-09R

INSTRUCTIONS:

Only TYPED copy accepted.

(KEY – ~~Dashed line through material to be deleted~~, underline material to be added)

Use second sheet for any material requiring more space.

Code Title 2009 Indiana Residential Code		Edition First
Section number and title R311.3.2 Floor elevations for other exterior doors		Page
Proponent Phil Gettum	Title Indiana Builder's Association	
Address 4984 W. Smith Valley Rd, Greenwood, In		Phone 317-888-5681
PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
Add exception #2 to read as follows: Exception #2: in retrofit situations, the maximum height below the top of the threshold of a sliding glass door to the landing or the first tread is not to exceed 8 3/4".		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
Sliding glass doors are often now made with a taller threshold (2 1/8") than a standard exterior swing door (1 1/2" – 1 3/4"). Permitting the extra 1/2" in height for this secondary, none required, exterior door allows a sliding glass door to replace a standard swing door that was installed per code. This situation is further impacted by the fact that the normal pedestrian traffic thru a sliding glass door does not encourage one to step up on the threshold but to step over it. Because it is not the "required" egress doorway, the use of this passage way would normally be limited and would not effect emergency egress and would normally be used by occupants who would be accustomed to this condition. <i>Cost savings could be several thousand dollars saved by not having to reconfigure decks, steps or landings when replacing a door.</i>		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		

